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SUBJECT Notes on the 13th Guards Motomech Division

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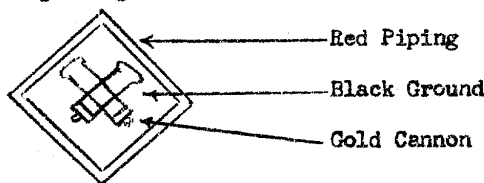
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1. The 13th Guards Motomech Division is subordinate to the Central Group of Forces in Baden, where the division is under the direct supervision of Lieutenant General Varentsov, commanding general of artillery units for the Central Group of Forces.
2. All of the Division's enlisted men, including infantry troops, wear the shoulder boards of artillery troops, i.e., black ground with red piping. The same black shoulder boards and red piping are also characteristic of armored troops. Divisional officers wear silver or gold shoulder boards with red piping. The fact that some officers of the 13th Division do not wear red piping is explained by the Soviet Army custom which demands that all officers wear the piping of their particular branch of the service; therefore, Signal Corps officers on duty with the Division continue to wear the black piping of the Signal Corps.
3. The artillery unit of the 13th Guards Motomechanized Division includes anti-tank artillery. Enlisted men of the anti-tank artillery are distinguished by the following insignia on the outer sleeve of the left forearm:



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Anti-tank artillery NCO's wear insignia similar to those normally worn by officers. may mean that NCO's wear officers' shoulder boards with normal NCO indications of rank.)

4. The 13th Division, like most divisions, has one company of engineers attached to it. The engineer company is divided into four platoons, each of which is attached to one of the four regiments normally found in such a division. These divisional engineer troops are intended only for small jobs. Such specialized engineering tasks as bridge building are handled by special engineer units which are detailed as a result of a request made through channels.
5. The headquarters of the 13th Division is located in a former moving-picture house on Favoritenstrasse, Vienna X.

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